Mr. Reeves moved that the amendment to the amendment be laid on the table:

Which was agreed to, and the amendment to the amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Browne offered the following amendment:

In section 9, line 94, after the words "cigars or tobacco," strike out all that follows in lines 94 and 95 and insert "who shall employ more than ten workmen shall pay a license tax of ten dollars for each and every establishment or place of business in each county."

Mr. Browne moved that the amendment be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment was declared adopted.

Mr. Baya withdrew the amendment offered by himself.

Mr. Marks offered the following amendment:

"All under ten workmen shall pay \$5 license."

Mr. Wolfe moved that the amendment be laid on the table:

Which was agreed to, and the amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Browne moved that the Senate hold night sessions commencing Wednesday night;

Which was agreed to, and so ordere !.

By permission—

Mr. Perrenot introduced:

Senate Bill No. 294:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Central Peninsula Muck Mining and Development Company.

Mr. Perrenot moved that the rule be waived, and that the bill be read the first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Whereupon the bill was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Phosphate Mines.

By permission-

Mr. McKay introduced:

Senate Bill No. 295:

A bill to be entitled an act conferring upon water works companies right of eminent domain.

Mr. McKay moved that the rule be waived, and that the bill be read the first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Whereupon the bill was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

By permission-

Mr. McKinne introduced:

Senate Bill No. 296:

A bill to be entitled an act providing a remedy for enforcing of appearance or bail bonds or recognizances and prescribing the jurisdiction of circuit courts and criminal courts of record in such manner.

Mr. Mckinne moved that the rules be waived and that the bill be read the first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Whereupon the bill was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The Senate thereupon, on motion of Mr. Wolfe, adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m., Wednesday, May 24, 1893.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 1893.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Baya, Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Broome, Browne, Calhoun, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Grady, Johnson, Marks, McKay, McKinne, McKinney, McLeran, Morrow, Perrenot, Reeves, Rosborough, Smith, St. Clair Abrams, Summers, Thomas, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williamson and Wolfe-30.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplair.

The Journal was approved.

Introduction of Resolutions, Petitions and Memorials.

By Mr. Browne:

Senate Resolution No. 65;

Which was read as follows:

Whereas, Sheriff Bly, of Bradford county, has been per-

forming the duties of assistant janitor in the Senate during the entire session; and,

Whereas, The Legislature has provided for the pay of an assistant janitor and has not elected any one to fill said position; be it

Resolved, That Sheriff Bly be elected to the position of assistant janitor for the Senate.

Mr. Browne moved that the resolution be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the resolution was declared adopted.

Mr. Genovar, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 24, 1893.

Hon. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

Sin—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, beg leave to report that they have examined the following acts:

An act to incorporate the East and South Florida Muck, Mining and Improvement Company.

Also,

An act to incorporate Withlacoochee Railway Company. Also.

An act to create and establish and incorporate charitable, philanthropic and educational institutions in the counties of Pasco and Gadsden, and other counties in this State under the name and title of Holy Name Academy.

Also.

An act to organize a municipal government for the town of Genoa.

And herewith present them for signature.

Very respectfully,

F. B. GENOVAR, Chairman Committee.

Enrolled Bills.

The President gave notice that he was about to sign

An act to incorporate the Withlacoochee railway company.

Also,

An act to organize a municipal government for the town of Genoa.

Also,

An act to incorporate the East and South Florida Muck Mining and Improvement company.

Also,

An act to create and establish and incorporate charitable, philanthropic and educational institutions in the counties of Pasco and Gadsden, and other counties in this state, under the name and title of Holy Name Academy.

The acts were thereupon duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the chairman of the joint committee on enrolled bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

Introduction of Bills.

By Mr. Calhoun:

Senate Bill No. 297:

A bill to be entitled an act to increase the facilities and improve the transportation throughout the State and to incorporate the Florida Grand Trunk Railway company.

Mr. Calhoun moved that the rule be waived and that the bill be read the first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Whereupon the bill was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Smith:

Senate Bill No. 298:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 906 of the Revised Statutes.

Mr. Smith moved that the rule be waived, and that the bill be read the first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Whereupon the bill was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Calhoun:

Senate Bill No. 299:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of a state tax upon actions and proceedings carried in or removed to the circuit and county courts; for the application of such tax to the payment of the salary of judges.

Mr. Calhoun moved that the rule be waived and that the bill be read the first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Whereupon the bill was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 300:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the speedy settlement and distribution of estates which are not indebted.

Mr. Calhoun moved that the rule be waived, and that the bill be read the first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Whereupon the bill was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Messages from the House of Representatives.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives, { Tallahassee, Fla., May 19, 1893. }

Hon. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

Sir_I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 135:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 4 of an act entitled an act in relation to the land grants of the Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company and prescribing the duties of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement. Fund of the State of Florida in relation thereto, the right of settlement thereon, and the specifications for the construction of its waterways and the time of its completion from St. Augustine to Biscayne Bay, approved May 29, 1889.

And respectfully return the bill to the Senate with the action of the House of Representatives endorsed thereon.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives ..

Also the following:

House of Representatives, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 22, 1893.

Hon. W. H. REYNOLDS.

President of the Senate:

Sir-I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 183:

To be entitled an act to fix the pay of members, officers and attaches of the legislature of A. D. 1893.

And would respectfully return the bill to the Senate with the action of the House of Representatives endorsed thereon.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Senate Bills Nos. 135 and 183, transmitted with the messages, were referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills to be enrolled.

Also the following message was read:

House of Representatives, Tallahassee, Fla., May 23, 1893.

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

Sir.—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted.—

House Concurrent Resolution No. 79:

Relative to the delivery and distribution of printed bills in the House and Senate.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Wolfe moved that the rules be waived, and that the resolution be read the first time by its title;

Which was agreed to, and the resolution was read the first time by its title and laid over under the rules.

Mr. Wolfe moved that in calling for reports of committees that calling of the roll of committees be dispensed with;

Which was agreed to, and so ordered.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Farmer, Chairman of the special committee to visit and investigate the State Insane Asylum at Chattahoochee, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 23, 1893. Hon. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your joint committee appointed to visit and examine into the condition, the books and records of the Insane Asylum at Chattahoochee, beg leave to report that they have made a careful and thorough inspection of the grounds, buildings, etc., and not only found them in the best of order but the entire establishment to the smallest detail in a condition that speaks volumes for the conscientious care bestowed upon these poor unfortunates by the superintendent in charge.

The exterior of he buildings, the outer walls, and partition fences are all in admirable repair, the latter neatly whitewashed, which, together with the clean hard grounds, presents quite an inviting appearance. The interior of the buildings were as clean as soap and water could make them. The wards are neatly kept, the bed's comfortable, the bedding ample, and scrupulously clean. The food is excellent in quality, sufficient in quantity, well prepared and neatly served. The clothing worn by the patients is of good quality and well made. Both in the matter of food and clothes, especial effort is made to meet the individual need of each patient.

The medical department, under the skillful management of Dr. L. D. Blocker, deserves especial mention. The apothecary shop was as neat as a pin, with every bottle, box and package carefully labeled. Other arrangements are so complete in detail that another physician could successfully continue his work should he be compelled to be absent from duty at any time. Dr. Blocker makes and records in each case a diagnosis, and keeps a daily record of the condition of the patient. When dieting is necessary he personally superintends the preparation of nourishment and sees that it is properly administered. The healthy condition of the patients generally is due to his untiring interest in their welfare.

We cannot too strongly urge upon your honorable body the necessity of adopting a more modern system of sewage at the asylum. The water supply there is ample, being 60, 000 or 70,000 gallons daily, together with the natural advantage offered by the declivity immediately in the rear of the main enclosure will greatly facilitate the undertaking and lessen the cost of the same. The present system of buckets in use is inadequate, absolutely out of date, and dangerous to an alarming extent. There are about three hundred and thirty souls—patients and employes—penned up in this small enclosure and the appearance of pestilence in their midst would be attended by the most fatal results and we assure you that the present conditions invite such a calamity.

We also recommend the establishment of a steam laundry on the asylum premises.

The superintendent assured your committee that with a laundry the work connected with it can be done by the inmates under intelligent supervision. Under the present plan the soiled clothes are carried out and brought back in wagons. The soap and starch is given out to the washwomen and judging from the amount of starch used by them during the month of April, to-wit: Two hundred pounds, we think that a great saving will be made in these items alone, should a laundry be established. At the present cost of washing not including the hauling, soap and starch, it will require an appropriation of about \$1,500 to do this work for the next two years. That amount will pay for the steam laundry and all expenses connected with it and leave to the state a small surplus in the same length of time.

We desire to call the attention of your honorable body to the fact that the walls, partitions, ceilings, etc., inside all the buildings, are of wood; that the lights used are from kerosene lamps, and that there is no adequate fire protection in any of the buildings; under such circumstances we recommend the appropriation of a sufficient sum of money to build and equip an electric light plant. By dispensing with the kerosene lamps, all ordinary danger from fire will be removed. The annual cost of oil alone is about \$300, besides the cost of the lamps and keeping them in order, which would in the course of two or three years pay for an electric light plant.

We have had estimates made on the different improvements suggested, with the assurance of the person making them, that the figures are high enough. The estimate for sewerage was \$4,600; steam laundry, \$1,000; electric light plant, \$1,500. We think the entire work can be completed in a first-class manner for less than \$5,000. The estimate for the laundry includes motive power, which will not enter into its cost, should the water power be utilized for lighting purposes, as we are informed that the same power would answer for both purposes.

In recommending these improvements we feel confident that it every member of your body could personally inspect the buildings and grounds, as your committee have done, there would not be a single voice raised against the appropriation of a sufficient sum of money to protect these poor unfortunates against disease or for the protection of their lives and the property of the State against fire, which is at all times possible under existing conditions there.

The present system of keeping accounts is inadequate and misleading, and should be substituted by a system that would not only show the actual amount of stores on hand, but the value also. An inventory of the goods on hand was taken, which showed a large amount in excess of what the accounts showed. The system is almost useless, and does not in any sense answer the purpose desired. A system of requisitions should be used by all other departments on the commissary, which will simplify the accounting and be a safeguard against any unjust charges that might be brought against the commissary.

There should be a set of books kept at the asylum that will show the expenses of that institution alone. As the accounts are now kept in the Comptroller's office under the head of "maintenance of lunatics," which means all expenditures for that purpose, it is a hard matter to find out anything in regard to the asylum at Chattahoochee without great expense in overhauling the vouchers in the Comptroller's office.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. FARMER, Chairman committee on part of Senate.

H. W. LONG, JAS. LAYNE, Committee on part of House.

Which was ordered spread upon the journal.

Mr. Calhoun, Chairman of Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 24, 1893.

Hon. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

Sim-Your Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred -

Senate Bill No. 295:

Entitled an act conferring upon water works companies the right of eminent domain.

Beg leave to report that they have considered same and recommend its passage.

Very respectfully,

BENJ. P. CALHOUN,

Chairman Committee.

The bill accompanying the report was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. McKinney, Chairman of Committee on Militia, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 24, 1893.

Hon. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

Sin-Your Committee on Militia, to whom was referred—House Bill No. 251:

An act to amend section 6 of an act entitled an act to amend an act to provide for and encourage the organization of a corps of volunteer militia, and to enforce their discipline, and to further provide for and encourage the organization and discipline of said corps.

Beg leave to report that they have examined same, and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

M. L. McKinney,

Chairman of Committee.

The bill accompanying the report was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Wolfe, Chairman of Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 24, 1893.

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

Sir-Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred-

Senate Bill No. 226:

Entitled an act for the relief of C. A. Butler, guardian for Martha Willis, a deceased lunatic.

Also,

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 59.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

J. EMMET WOLFE,

Chairman Committee.

The bill and resolution accompanying the report were placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. McKay, Chairman of Committee on Phosphate Mines, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, FLA, May 24, 1893.

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Phosphate Mines, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 293:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Mercantile Phosphate Company, and to define its business, powers, etc. Also.

Senate Bill No. 294:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Central Peninsular Muck, Mining and Development Company.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that they do pass.

Very respectfully,

JAMES MCKAY,

Chairman Committee.

The bills accompanying the report were placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. McKay, Chairman of Committee on Fisheries, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, CALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 24, 1893.

Hon. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 265:

A bill to be entitled an act for the protection of food fishes in the waters of this State.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

JAMES MCKAY,

Chairman Committee.

The bill accompanying the report was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Reeves, Chairman of Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 24, 1893.

Hon. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR-Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred-

Senate Bill No. 287:

To be entitled an act to establish and maintain the Florida male and female colleges, and the number of trustees and who they shall be.

Also,

House Bill No. 97:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the election of members of the county board of public instruction and to fix their compensation.

Beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and have instructed their chairman to return the same without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

L. J. REEVES,

Chairman of Committee.

The bills accompanying the report were placed among the orders of the day.

Consideration of-

Senate Bill No. 284:

A bill to be entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue,

Was resumed.

Paragraph 6 of section 9 was read and adopted.

Paragraph 7 of section 9 was read and adopted.

Paragraph 8 of section 9 was read.

Mr. Baya offered the following amendment:

In section 9, paragraph 8, line 147, strike out "ten" and insert "five."

Mr. Baya moved that the amendment be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment was declared adopted.

Paragraph 8 of section 9 as amended was adopted.

Paragraph 9 of section 9 was read and adopted.

Paragraph 10 of section 9 was read.

Mr. Browne offered the following amendment:

In section 9, line 167, after the word "drug" strike out the word "poison."

Mr. Browne moved that the amendment be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment was declared adopted.

Paragraph 10 of section 9, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 11 of section 9 was read.

Mr. Borden offered the following amendment:

In section 9, division 11, line 162, after the words "thirty dollars," strike out the words "all book agents shall pay for license tax ten dollars."

Mr. Borden moved that the amendment be adopted;

Mr. Summers moved to lay the amendment on the table; Which was not agreed to.

The motion that the amendment be adopted, was agreed to.

Mr. Borden offered the following amendment:

In section 9, paragraph 11, line 174, after the words "vend ors of," strike out the word "religious."

Mr. Borden moved that the amendment be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment was declared adopted.

Mr. Wolfe offered the following amendment:

In section 9, line 173, after the word "tax," strike out "three hundred," and insert "ten" in lieu thereof.

Mr. Baya moved that the amendment be laid on the table; Which was agreed to, and the amendment was laid on the table.

Paragraph 11, of section 9 as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 12, section 9, was read.

Mr. Marks offered the following amendment:

In section 9, paragraph 12, line 182, after the word "brokers," insert "and all incorporated companies and persons doing the business of furnishing water, ice, gas, electricity or telephones, to users thereof, including all telephone companies."

Mr. Marks moved that the amendment be adopted.

Mr. Browne offered the following amendment to the amend-

In section —, line 3, after the word "water" strike out the word "ice."

Mr. Reeves moved that the amendment to the amendment be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment to the amendment was declared adopted.

Pending further consideration of which-

By permission-

Mr. St. Clair Abrams, Acting Chairman of Committee on Judiciary made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 23, 1893.

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

Sir-Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred-

House Bill No. 310:

Entitled an act to establish a county court in and for Polk county, to prescribe its jurisdiction and powers, to provide for the appointment of a prosecuting attorney and for compensation of judge and county attorney.

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and

recommend that it do pass with the following amendment,

Amend section 5 by adding after the words "dollars per annum" the words "to be paid quarterly by the treasurer of the county upon a warrant from the board of county commissioners, and a fee of three dollars for each case docketed in said court to be taxed and paid as other costs in said court."

Very respectfully,

ALEX. St. CLAIR ABRAMS,

Acting Chairman of Committee.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 23, 1893.

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR-Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred-

House Bill No. 189:

Entitled an act to prohibit shooting, seining or trapping of fish in the waters of certain lakes in Polk county, Florida, and to provide a penalty in cases of violation.

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

ALEX. ST. CLAIR ABRAMS,

Acting Chairman of Committee.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER. TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 23, 1893.

Hon. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

Sir Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred-Senate Bill No. 296:

Entitled an act providing a remedy for enforcing payment of appearance or bail bonds or recognizances and prescribing the jurisdiction of circuit courts and criminal courts of record in such matters.

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and recommend that it do pass with the following amendments, to wit:

In section 2 strike out after the words "for like reason" all that follows in said section and insert in lieu thereof the words "the prosecuting officer shall proceed by attachment of the property of such absent de endant and by advertisement in a public newspaper published in the county in which said proceedings are had, and if no newspaper is published in the county, then by posting on the court house door and in two other public places, notifying the defendant of said attachment and citing him to appear and answer. Said notice shall be published or posted for a period of (60) sixty days, and should the defendant fail to appear and answer, judgment shall be had against him by default, and the property attached shall be sold to satisfy said judgment."

In section 3 strike out the words "and criminal courts of record."

Very respectfully,

ALEX. ST. CLAIR ABRAMS, Acting Chairman Committee.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 23, 1893.

Hon. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR-Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred-

Senate Bill No. 280:

Entitled an act to repeal sections 865, 866, 867, and 868 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to permits to sell liquors, wines and beer.

Also,

House Bill No. 201:

Entitled an act to compel persons butchering beeves to exhibit the hides for inspection.

Also,

House Bill No. 262: Entitled an act to repeal sections 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, and 924, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida.

Also,

House Bill No. 337:

Entitled an act to provide for the removal of causes from the circuit courts to criminal courts of record and to county courts.

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and recommend that they do pass.

Very respectfully,

ALEX. St. CLAIR ABRAMS, Acting Chairman of Committee.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 23, 1893.

Ho.f. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

Sir-Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred-

House Bill No. 332:

Entitled an act to amend section 948 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida.

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

ALEX. ST. CLAIR ABRAMS,

Acting Chairman of Committee.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 23, 1893.

Hon. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR-Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred-

House Bill No. 317:

Entitled an act prescribing the qualifications of jurors, the manner of selecting and drawing the same, and fixing the number that shall constitute a grand jury.

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and recommend that it do pass, with the following amendments, to-wit:

In section 1, line 6, after the words "six months," add the words "and who are citizens of the State of Florida."

In section 5, line 8, after the words "names of," strike out the words "eighteen (18) persons to serve as grand jurors, and twelve (12) persons to serve as petit jurors," and insert in lieu thereof, the words "thirty (30) persons to serve as jurors."

In section 5, strike out all of said section beginning with the words "and the clerk shall" on the fourteenth line, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"It shall be the duty of the judge to make a list in his own handwriting of the names of the persons so drawn and deposit the said list, together with the slips containing the names of the persons drawn from the box in an envelope securely sealed, and his name written at least twice across the flap of the envelope. This envelope shall be delivered to the clerk of the court, who shall keep the same in some secure place, and fifteen days before the opening or the next term of said court, it shall be the duty of the clerk to open the said envelope in the presence of the county judge of the county or in his absence in the presence of a justice of the peace and to make a list of said names and issue and deliver to the sheriff a venire with the seal of the court, commanding him to summons the persons so drawn as jurers to appear before the court at the next ensuing term thereof. On the opening day of such succeeding term it shall be the duty of the judge to place the names of the thirty persons so summoned or of so many of them as may appear in response to the summons, in a box and draw therefrom the names of eighteen persons, who shall serve as grand jurors for the term, and the persons whose names remain in the box shall serve as petit jurors for the first week of the term."

In section 6, line 2, strike out the words "grand or petit."

In section 6, line 15, after the words "names of," strike out the words "eighteen (18) persons to serve as grand jurors and twelve (12) persons to serve as petit jurors," and insert the words "thirty (30) persons to serve as jurors" in lieu thereof.

Very respectfully,

ALEX. St. CLAIR ABRAMS,

Acting Chairman of Committee. The bills accompanying the reports were placed among the orders of the day.

Consideration of Senate Bill No. 284 was resumed, the question recurring upon the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. Marks as amended;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment as amended, was declared adopted.

Mr. McKinne offered the following amendment:

In section 9, article 12, line 187, after the words "twenty dollars," insert "having a capital stock of less than ten thousand dollars, shall pay a license tax of ten dollars."

Mr. McKinne moved that the amendment be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment was declared adopted.

Mr. McKay offered the following amendment:

In section 9, paragraph 12, line 194, after the words "license tax of," strike out the word "two" and insert the word "one;" Which was withdrawn

Mr. McKay offered the following amendment:

In section 9, paragraph 12, line 195, after the words "fifteen thousand inhabitants," strike out the word "one" and insert the words "seventy-five."

Mr. Summers moved that the amendment be laid on the table;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Baya offered the following amendment:

In section 9, paragraph 12, line 198, at the commencement of the line, insert "and villages," also after the words "one thousand" in same line, insert "and more than fifty;" strike out "and for all other places where they do business, five dollars."

Mr. Baya moved that the amendment be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment was declared adopted.

Paragragh 12 of section 9, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 13 of section 9, as amended, was read and adopted.

Paragraph 14 of section 9, as amended, was read and adopted.

Mr. Marks offered the following amendment:

In section 9, strike out whole 14th clause.

Mr. Marks moved that the amendment be adopted.

Mr. Reeves moved to lay the amendment on the table;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Reeves offered the following amendment:

Fourteenth paragraph of section 9, line 215, immediately after the words "other rifles," insert the following: "Or any cartridges necessary for the use of any of the firearms above mentioned in this paragraph."

Mr. Marks moved to lay the amendment on the table;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Wolfe offered the following amendment:

In section 9, line 216, strike out "fifty" and insert "twenty" in lieu thereof.

Mr. Wolfe moved that the amendment be adopted;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Borden offered the following amendment:

In section 9, division 14, line 217, after the words "other rifles" insert "pistol or rifle cartridges."

Mr. Marks moved to lay the amendment on the table;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. McKinne offered the following amendment:

In section 9, article 14, line 214, after the word "keeper," strike out "other persons," and insert "dealer."

Mr. McKinne moved that the amendment be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment was declared adopted.

Mr. Browne offered the following amendm nt:

In section 9, line 216, after the words "tax of," strike out "fifty" and insert "ten."

Mr. Broome moved that the amendment be laid on the table;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Browne moved that the amendment be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment was declared adopted.

Mr. St. Clair Abrams offered the following amendment:

In section 9, lines 215 and 217, after the word "rifles," strike out the words "or other rifles."

Mr. Summers moved that the amendment be laid on the table.

Mr. Marks moved that the amendment be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment was declared adopted.

Mr. Broome offered the following amendment:

In section 9, line 216, after the word "of" insert five hundred dollars in place of fifty dollars;

Which was ruled out of order.

Mr. Broome gave notice that he would on to-morrow move a reconsideration of the vote by which the amendment offered by Mr. Browne in section 9, line 216, was adopted.

Pending further consideration of the bill,

Mr. Genovar, Chairman of Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 24, 1893.

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS.

President of the Senate:

Sin-Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred-

An act to incorporate the Western Peninsular Railroad Company, and to grant certain aid in the construction thereof.

Also.

An act concerning boards of health, and provide for the disposition of funds and effects in possession of county boards of health.

Also,

An act to compel drovers to have the marks and brands of their herds inspected before swimming or driving them across the Caloosahatchie river.

Also.

An act to incorporate the Palm Beach Railway and Power Company.

Also.

An act to amend section 1, article 6, chapter 3972, laws of Florida.

Also.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 43.

Also.

An act to fix the pay of members, officers and attaches of the Legislature of A. D. 1893.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

F. B. GENOVAR,

Chairman of Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The acts accompanying the report were referred to the Joint.
Committee on Enrolled Bills for examination and signature.

By permission-

Mr. Fleming, Chairman of Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 24, 1893.

Hon. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR-Your Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred-

Senate Bill No. 291:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the further disposition of the swamp lands, subject to overflow, granted to the State of Florida, by act of congress, approved September 28, 1850, and commonly known as the swamp and overflowed lands.

Beg leave to report the same without action.

Very respectfully,

F. A. FLEMING,

Chairman Committee.

The bill accompanying the report was placed among the orders of the day.

By permission-

Mr. Perrenot, Chairman Special Committee to examine offices of treasurer and comptroller, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 24, 1893.

Hon. W H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR-Your joint committee appointed under concurrent

resolution to investigate the offices of the comptroller and treasurer, beg leave to report that they have examined the books, records and vouchers in said offices and find them correct and accurate. Every precaution has been taken and great care exercised in auditing claims whereby thousands of dollars have been saved to the tax payers by disallowing illegal items

Your committee has been afforded every facility for a full investigation of all the financial transactions and beg to submit a summary of the receipts and disbursements for the years A. D. 1891 and 1892, with a statement of the indebtedness of the State.

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR 1891.

Balance in the Treasury, Jan. 1	,	•
1891,	\$ 84,373 84	•
General Revenue,	781,281 33	
Common School Fund, Principal,	20,952 51	
Seminary Fund, Principal,	300 87	
State Board of Health,	40,654 97	
Bureau of Immigration,	10,817 69	
Department of Agriculture,	9,107 28	
General School 1 mill tax,	88,720 75	
Common School Fund Interest,	34,072 06	•
Seminary Fund Interest,	5,807 00	
Agricultural College Fund,	11,102 00	
_		\$1,087,190 30

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1891.

General Revenue,	\$772,860 43	
Common School Fund Principal,	27,930 85	
Seminary Fund Principal,	3 25	
State Board of Health,	37,023 62	
Bureau of Immigration,	4,138 38	
Department of Agriculture,	9,009 75	
General School One Mill Tax,	80,007 90	
Common School Fund Interest,	33, 828 52	
Seminary Fund Interest,	5,807 00	
Agricultural College Fund,	9,525 08	
Balance in the Treasury, Jan. 1,		
1892,	107,055 52-\$1,087,190 30	

Balance in the Treasury Jan. 1, 1892,	3107,055 52
RECEIPTS FOR THE	
Balance in the Treasury Jan 1,	12111 10011
1892,	3107,055 52
General Revenue,	582,465 40
Common School Fund Principal,	17,459 26
Seminary Fund Principal,	222 58
State Board of Health,	22,373 45
Bureau of Immigration,	474 92
Department of Agriculture,	8,986 85
General School One Mill Tax,	86,951 24
Common School Fund Interest,	35,378 06
Seminary Fund Interest,	5,807 00
Agricultural College Fund,	9,107 00- \$876,281 28
DISBURSEMENTS FOR TH	HE YEAR 1892.
General Revenue,	\$574,726 20
Common School Fund Principal,	2,879 60
State Board of Health,	25,036 56
Bureau of Immigration,	144 25
Department of Agriculture,	9,136 24
General School One Mill Tax,	85,235 25
Common School Fund Interest,	34,552 23
Seminary Fund Interest,	5,807 00
Agricultural College Fund,	10,711 25
Balance January 1, 1893,	128,052 70— \$876,281 28
Balance in the Treasury, Jan. 1, 1893,	\$128,052 70
STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT OF 18	OF STATE BONDS—BONDS
Seven per cent bonds 1871, inte	rest payable annually Jan. 1.
Amount issued,	\$350,000 00
Deduct amount in Sinking Fund,	82,300 00
-	\$267,700 00
Deduct amount in School, Semi-	φ201,100 UV
nary and Agricultural College Funds,	\$175,600 00- \$92,100 00

BONDS OF 1873.

Six per cent. bonds 1873, interest payable semi-annually. January and July-Amount issued. \$925,000 00 Deduct amount in Sinking Fund, 160,200 00

764,800 00

Deduct amount in School, Seminary and Agricultural College Funds.

499,200 00 -\$265,600 00

Add amount borrowed under Act of 1891 and due July, 1895,

150,000 00

Total indebtedness of the State,

\$507,700 00

We find the greatest source of expenditure arising under the head of "Jurors and Witnesses" and "Criminal Prosecutions." There was expended for these purposes in 1892—

For Jurors and Witnesses, \$121,512 42 For Criminal Prosecutions, 97,566 43

> \$219,078 85 Total,

In paying jurors and witnesses under our laws, the State furnishes the clerks of the circuit courts and criminal courts. upon their requisition, with the sums estimated for that purpose. The pay rolls are approved by the judges of the courts. and when so approved furnish a full voucher for the clerk of the court. The comptroller has to verify all the figures in auditing the account, but has no authority under the law to make any changes or deductions unless errors should be discovered. The judges of the circuit and criminal courts alone have the power to reduce that large and increasing drain upon the State treasury.

It amounted in 1892, as above stated, to \$121.512.42.

There was expended during the year 1892 for criminal prosecutions proper the sum of \$97,566.43. Of this sum the conviction fees of state attorneys amounting to \$4,155; the conviction fees of county solicitors, \$3,865; costs adjudged against the State, \$1,249.34, and the feed of prisoners at 40 cents per day, amounting to \$35,438.90, making a total of \$44,708.24 are so defined by the law that there is little, if any latitude for error. The result is that the comptroller can

only see that the proper evidence is presented and verify the amounts in auditing the accounts. Deducting this sum from \$97.566.43 expended for criminal prosecutions and it leaves the sum of \$52,858.19 that come under the class of doubtful. charges that can arise under the fee bill.

The greatest expenditure under this head and the one that is most difficult to adjust by auditing officers not familiar with the local surroundings and distances, is the one of mileage. A detailed examination of numerous bills paid, the correspondence connected with them, and the immense number of deductions made in the accounts charged, convince us that a strict and careful watch is kept over every expenditure and every economy used that is possible under our present laws. and system.

When the pay of jurors was increased, when 25 per cent. was added to the expense of feeding prisoners, and the mileage of all officers doubled by the Legislature of 1889, nothing but increased expenditures could be expected.

In submitting this final report your committee begs leave to call attention to the reports heretofore made during the session as to the labor required to be performed by the different clerks, and in reference to the necessity for legislation in regard to the tax sales made between August 4 and December 31, A. D. 1891, and the interest payment made by F. J. Pons. deceased, while treasurer of the State

Very respectfully,

M. L. McKINNEY.

Chairman Senate Committee

J. G. Johnson, Jr.,

J. H. Colson.

Clerks of Committee.

J. L. GASKINS.

Chairman House Committee. GEO. G. MATHEWS. JR.

By permission—

Mr. Grady, from the Committee on Fisheries, submitted the following report:

Minority report —

SENATE CHAMBER. TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 24, 1893.

Hon. W. H. REYNOLDS.

President of the Senate:

Sir-Your Committee on Fisheries, to whom was referen

A bill entitled an act to prohibit the catching of mullet from November 15 to December 15 in any year.

Recommend that it do not pass, for the reason that the running of fish on different parts of the coast vary from thirty to sixty days, and each county should control the catching of said fish, so as to protect them.

Very respectfully,

J. E. GRADY,

Of Fisheries Committee

The regular order was resumed, being consideration or Senate Bill No. 284.

Mr. Marks offered the following amendment:

In section 9, line 217, after the word "knives," strike out "shall not be sold to minors."

Mr. Marks moved that the amendment be adopted;

Which was not agreed to.

Paragraph 15 of section 9 was read.

Mr. Calhoun offered the following amendment:

In section 9, line 222, sub-division 15, after the word "dollars" add "provided that firms of dentists, lawyers and physicians, practicing their profession in this State shall be required to pay but one license tax of ten dollars for each firm."

Mr. Calhoun moved that the amendment be adopted; Which was not agreed to.

Mr. McKinne offered the following amendment:

In section 9, article 15, line 220, after the word "lawyers," insert "pension agents."

Mr. McKinne moved that the amendment be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment was declared adopted.

Mr. Marks offered the following amendment:

In section 9, line 225, after the word "land agent," add "and all other occupations not otherwise provided for, shall pay a tax of five dollars into the State treasury."

Mr. Baya moved to lay the amendment on the table;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Borden offered the following amendment:

In section 9, division 15, line 222, after the words "ten dollars" strike out all to end of section.

Mr. Baya moved to lay the amendment on the table;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. McKay offered the following amendment:

Strike out ten (10) and insert five.

Mr. Baya moved that the amendment be laid on the table; Which was agreed to, and the amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Calhoun offered the following amendment:

In section 9, line 221, sub-division 15, after the word "State," insert "and all persons publishing newspapers."

Mr. Wolfe moved to lay the amendment on the table;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Calhoun moved that the amendment be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment was declared adopted.

Mr. Borden offered the following amendment:

Strike out paragraph 15.

Mr. Borden moved that the amendment be adopted.

Upon which the yeas and nays were demanded.

Upon call of the roll the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Borden, Calhoun, Farmer, McKay, Reeves, Summers, Thomas, Wadsworth and Wolfe—9.

Nays—Messrs. Baya, Blitch, Bristol, Broome, Browne, Fleming, Genovar, Johnson, Marks, McKinne, McKinney, McLeran, Morrow, Perrenot, Rosborough, Smith, Whidden and Williamson—18.

So the motion was not agreed to.

Paragraph 16 of section 9 was read.

Mr. Summers offered the following amendment:

In section 9, strike out all of clause 16, being lines 226 to 233 inclusive.

Mr. Browne moved that the amendment be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment was declared adopted.

Paragraph 17 of section 9 was read.

Mr. Baya offered the following amendment:

In section 9, paragraph 17, line 237, after the word "same," insert "provided that this exemption shall not apply to dealers in spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, or to persons selling such articles as are embraced in paragraphs 9 and 10 of section 9 of this act."

Mr. Baya moved that the amendment be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the amendmen, was declared adopted.

Mr. Reeves offered the following amendment.

In 17th paragraph of section 9, line 235, after the word 41ive" strike out the remainder of the paragraph;

Which was withdrawn.

The Senate then recurred to consideration of section 8 of the bill;

Which was passed informally yesterday.

Mr. Borden offered the following amendment:

Add to section 8, after the word "company," line 4, the following:

"All shares of the banking associations organized within this State pursuant to the provisions of the acts of Congress to procure a national currency secured by a pledge of United States stocks, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof, held by any person or body corporate, shall be included in the valuation of the personal property of such person, or body corporate, in the assessment of taxes in the town or city where such banking association is located, and not elsewhere, whether the holder resides there or not, but not at a greater rate than is assessed on other moneyed capital in the hands of individuals, and for the purpose of socuring the collection of taxes assessed upon said shares, each banking association shall pay the same as the agent of each of its share-holders, and the said association may retain so much of any dividend belonging to any share-holder as shall be necessary to pay any taxes levied upon its shares."

Mr. Borden moved that the amendment be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment was declared adopted.

Mr. Borden offered the following amendment:

Amend section 8, add end of section:

"Any banking, loan or trust company or corporation, or any person acting as the agent of another, and having in his possession or under his control or management any money, notes and credits or personal property belonging to such other person, with a view to investing or loaning or in any other manner using the same for pecuniary profit, shall be required to return the same for assessment at the real value, and such company, corporation or person shall be liable for the tax on the same; and if such company, corporation or person refuse to list such property on a return for assessment, or

to swear to the same, the amount of such money, notes, mortgages or credits may be listed and valued according to the best knowledge and judgment of the assessor."

Mr. Borden moved that the amendment be adopted.

Mr. Marks noved to lay the amendment on the table;

Which was not agreed to.

The question then recurred upon the adoption of the mo-

Which was agreed to, and the amendment was declared adopted.

Mr. McKay offered the following amendment:

In section 9, line 93, after the words "tax of," strike out "one thousand" and insert "twenty-five."

Mr. McKay moved that the amendment be adopted.

Mr. Marks offered the following amendment to the amend-

In section 9, line 93, after the words "tax of," strike out "one thousand dollars" and insert "five dollars."

Mr. McLeran moved that the amendment be laid on the

Which was agreed to, and the amendment was laid on the

The question then recurred upon the adoption of the amendment:

Which was agreed to, and the amendment was declared

On motion of Mr. Wolfe, the Senate took a recess until 4 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

4:00 o'clock.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Baya, Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Broome, Browne, Calhoun, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Grady, Johnson, Marks, McKay, McKinne, McKinney, McLeran, Morrow, Reeves, Rosborough, Smith, St. Clair Abrams,

Summers, Thomas, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williamson and Wolfe-29.

On motion of Mr. Genovar, Mr. Perrenot was excused on account of illness in his family.

Mr. Genovar, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 24, 1893.

Hon. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR-Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred-

An act to incorporate the Western Peninsular Railroad Company, and to grant certain aid in the construction thereof.

Also.

An act concerning county boards of health, and to provide for the disposition of tunds and effects in possession of county boards of health.

Also,

An act to fix the pay of members, officers and attaches of the legislature of A. D. 1893.

Also,

An act to compel drovers to have the marks and brands of their herds inspected before swimming or driving them across the Caloosahatchie river.

Also,

An act to incorporate the Palm Beach Railway and Power Company.

Also.

An act to amend section 1, article 6, chapter 3972, laws of Florida.

Also,

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 43:

Relative to the payment of the debts of the Internal Improvement Fund by a sale of a portion of said lands.

Also,

An act to organize a county court in and for Alachua county and to provide for the appointment of a prosecuting attorney for said county court.

Also,

An act to provide for cancellation and satisfaction of mortgages, liens and judgments.

Also,

An act to amend section 1 of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Lakeland, Mohawk and Tavares Railroad Company approved June 4, 1891, and to continue the rights, franchises, aids and benefits therein enumerated, with additional rights and authority to extend the line of said road.

Beg to present the same herewith for signature of the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

F. B. GENOVAR,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Enrolled Bills.

The President gave notice that he was about to sign

An act concerning county boards of health, and to provide for the disposition of funds and effects in possession of county boards of health.

Also,

An act to incorporate the Western Peninsular Railroad company and to grant certain aid in the construction thereof.

Also,

An act to fix the pay of members, officers and attaches of the Legislature of A. D. 1893.

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Also.

An act to amend section 1 of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Lakeland, Mohawk and Tavares Railroad Company, approved June 4, 1891, and to continue the rights, franchises, aids and benefits therein enumerated, with additional rights and authority to extend the line of said road.

The acts were thereupon duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. McKay gave notice that he would on to-morrow move a reconsideration of the vote by which the amendment offered by himself to section 9, line 93, striking out "\$1,000," and inserting "\$25."

Consideration of Senate Bill No. 284, pending at adjournment.

Was resumed.

Section 19 was read and adopted.

Section 11 was read and adopted.

Section 12 was read and adopted.

Mr. Wolfe offered the following amendment:

In section 12, line 4, strike out "ten," and insert "one."

Mr. Wolfe moved that the amendment be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment was declared adopted.

Section 13 was read and adopted.

Section 14 was read and adopted.

Mr. Reeves offered the following amendment:

In section 14, line 2, after the word "years" insert the following, "and under the age of sixty years."

Mr. Blitch moved that the amendment be adopted.

Mr. Summers moved to lay the amendment on the table;

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurred upon the motion of Mr. Reeves that the amendment be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment was declared adopted.

Section 15 was read.

Mr. Wolfe offered the following amendment:

In section 15, line 11, after the words "real estate" insert "and the assessment of the improvements on real estate shall be made in a column separate from the column in which is assessed the value of the land itself."

Mr. Wolfe moved that the amendment be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment was declared adopted.

Mr. McKinne offered the following amendment:

In section 15, line 10, after the words "day of" strike out "April" and insert "May."

Mr. McKinne moved that the amendment be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment was declared adopted.

Section 16 was read and adopted.

Section 17 was not read, being omitted in the bill.

Section 18 was read.

Mr. Baya offered the following amendment:

In section 18, line 3, after the words "individual assessment," strike out balance of section.

Mr. Baya moved that the amendment be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment was declared adopted.

Section 19 was read and passed informally.

Section 20 was read and passed informally.

Section 21 was read and adopted.

Section 22 was read.

Mr. Baya offered the following amendment:

In section 22, line 5, after the word "agent" strike out all to the words "and the assessor," in the 11th line, and insert "Provided, the assessor may correct any errors in the description so returned, and if the owner or agent fails to make such returns the assessor shall assess all lands not returned, according to the government survey, and can assess in one assessment all the lands in a section belonging to the same owner or a sessed as 'unknown.'"

Mr. Baya moved that the amendment be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment was declared adopted.

 $Mr.\ Borden\ offered\ the\ following\ amendment\ to\ section$ 20:

In section 20, line 2, after the word "property," insert "to present to him all notes and mortgages to be stamped as hereinafter provided," and

In line 4 add: "And such notes and mortgages shall not be collectable in any court, unless so stamped."

Mr. Borden moved that the amendment be adopted;

Which was not agreed to.

Section 23 was read:

 ${\rm Mr.}$ Marks offered the following amendment:

In section 23, line 6, after the word "tne" strike out the word "unknown" and insert in lieu thereot "name of the last known owner."

Mr. Marks moved that the amendment be adopted.

Mr. Browne offered the following amendment to the amendment:

At the end of the amendment "as shown by the record of deeds at the time the assessment is made."

Mr. Browne moved that the amendment to the amendment be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment to the amendment was declared adopted.

The amendment as amended was adopted.

Mr. Morrow offered the following amendment:

In section 23, line 6, after the word "shall," strike out all to the word "in," and insert "the assessors shall obtain from the clerk of the court an abstract of all lands entered on the tax rolls assessed as unknown land on said tax rolls, and assess the same as shown by the abstract the parties last assessed;"

Which was withdrawn.

Mr. Blitch offered the following amendment:

In section 23, line 7, after the word "return" insert "provided that when lands are assessed as last owner each 40 acre tract shall be assessed separately."

Mr. Blitch moved that the amendment be adopted;

Which was withdrawn.

Mr. Marks offered the following amendment:

In section 23, line 16 after the word "purpose," add "the clerk of the court shall furnish the tax assessor the abstract

books for information when he is in doubt as to the status of the land to be assessed upon request."

Mr. Marks moved that the amendment be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment was declared adopted.

Mr. Browne moved that the rules be waived and the vote by which the amendments to section 23 of Senate bill No. 284 offered by himself and Mr. Marks as follows:

In section 23, line 16, after the word "purpose" add "the clerk of the court shall furnish the tax assessor the abstract books for information when he is in doubt as to the status of the lands to be assessed upon."

Also.

At the end of the amendment, "as shown by the record of deeds at the time the assessment is made;"

Be reconsidered;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and the vote by which the amendments was adopted, was reconsidered.

Mr. Marks offered the following amendment:

In section 23, line 5, after the word "returns," strike out all down to "the assessment" in line 7, and insert "the assessor shall assess the land in the name of the last owner as shown by the record of deeds at the time of assessment is made."

Mr. Marks mov d that the amendment be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment was declared adopted.

Mr. Blitch offered the following amendment:

In section 24, line 4, after the word "grantees" insert "and description of land."

Mr. Blitch moved that the amendment be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment was declared adopted.

Mr. Blitch offered the following amendment:

In section 24, line 9, after the word "each," insert "section or sub-division thereof each."

Mr. Blitch moved that the amendment be adopted.

Mr. McKinne moved that the amendment be laid on the able;

. Which was agreed to, and the amendment was laid on the table.

Pending further consideration of the bill-

By pe.mission.

Mr. Borden introduced:

Senate Bill No. 301:

A bill to be entitled an act to define a school year, and to provide for the opening and closing of the school terms.

Mr. Borden moved that the rule be waived and that the bill be read the first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Whereupon the bill was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Borden moved that the rules be waived and that the bill be read the second time;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Whereupon the bill was read the second time in full.

By permission -

Mr. Rosborough introduced:

Senate Bill No. 302:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide rules and regulations for licensing teachers; to provide for uniform examinations; to secure fairness in examinations and in issuing teachers' certificates, and for other purposes.

Mr. Rosborough moved that the rules be waived and that the bill be read the first time by its title and passed to the calendar of bills on second reading without reference;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Whereupon the bill was read the first time by its title and passed to the calendar of bills on second reading in its order.

By permission-

Mr. Thomas, Chairman of Committee on Agriculture, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 24, 1893.

HON W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR-Your Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred-

Senate Bill No. 298:

An act to amend section 906, Revised Statutes.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that the same do not pass.

Very respectfully,

W. C. THOMAS,

Chairman of Committee on Agriculture.

The bill accompanying the report was placed among the orders of the day.

By permission-

Mr. Grady, Chairman of the Committee on Commerce and Navigation, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 24, 1893.

Hon. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

Sin-Your Committee on Commerce and Navigation, to whom was referred-

House Bill No. 364:

A bill to be entitled an act to protect seamen.

Recommend that it do pass, after striking out section 4. We also herewith transmit a petition or circular letter:

PENSACOLA, FLA., March 1, 1892.

DEAR SIR—We enclose herewith a copy of a proposed law, that we are asking to have passed by the present Congress, entitled: "An act to punish persons entiting seamen to desert."

We appeal in the name of Christianity and humanity, to the law making power to overcome the many social and moral evils arising from the now existing methods pursued by sailor boarding masters, whereby sailors are led to desert from their vessels, and become the slaves of these land-sharks and so much merchandise in their hands. Our seaports swarm with these inhuman traffickers in human flesh who live a life of ease and plenty at the expense of the poor, helpless and ignorant seamen, who are by these fiends deceived, made drunk and then sold. These boarding masters cause a vessel to be boarded as soon as she is at anchor, and no matter what contract may have been signed by the seaman, or what wages may be due to him, endeavor to have the sailor desert his vessel, by making promises never intended to be fulfilled. If the promises fail to entrap, then the to-be victim is made drunk, and when his will has become dormant and reason lost

her sway, he is frequently forcibly taken from his ship, hidden in some moral pesthole and sink of iniquity, until the dishonest and villainous boarding maste, can sell him to some vessel whose sailors he has stolen in the same way. The advance paid by the vessel is almost invariably retained in its entirety by the boarding master and the poor seaman puts to sea and labors for months to pay the advance received by the boarding master.

From every point of view this infamous traffic should be suppressed. It is ruinous to the seaman both financially and morally; is injurious to the shipping interests, and is a source of other crimes in our seaports. Decency, humanity and Christianity with one voice proclaim that these nefarious practices should be prevented by appropriate legislation.

The bill herewith enclosed will, in our judgment, remedy the existing evils as far as legislation can. It defines the crime, fixes the punishment and provides for a speedy trial of offenders. The latter is one of the most essential features of the measure, as under existing practice in the courts of the United States, the delay would generally be so long, between the committing of the offense and the time of trial, that the witnesses (usually seamen) would have scattered and the offender would be discharged by reason thereof.

We confidently hope and trust that you will use your valued influence to secure the passage of this just and righteous law.

Very respectfully,

J. E. GRADY,

Chairman Committee.

The bill accompanying the report was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Genovar, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 24, 1893.

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR-Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred-

An act to incorporate the Western Peninsular Railroad Company and to grant certain aid in the construction thereof.

Also,

An act concerning county boards of health and to provide

for the disposition of funds and effects in possession of county boards of health.

Alse,

An act to fix the pay of members, officers and attaches of the Legislature of A. D. 1893.

Also,

An act to compel drovers to have the marks and brands of their herds inspected before swimming or driving them across the Caloosahatchie river.

Also,

An act to incorporate the Palm Beach Railway and Power company.

Also,

An act to amend section 1, article 6, chapter 3972, Laws of Florida.

Also,

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 43.

Also,

An act to organize a county court in and for Alachua county, and to provide for the appointment of a prosecuting attorney for said county court.

Also,

An act to provide for cancellation and satisfaction of mortgages and liens and judgments.

Also,

An act to amend section 1 of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Lakeland, Mohawk and Tavares Railroad Company, approved June 4, 1891, and to continue the rights, franchises, aids and benefits therein enumerated with additional rights and authority to extend the line of said road.

Beg leave to report that that they have delivered the said acts to the Governor.

Very respectfully,

F. B. GENOVAR,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. McKay moved that—

House Bill No. 332:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 948 of the Revised Statutes of Florida,

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Be made the special order for to morrow evening at 8 o'clock;

Which was agreed to, and so ordered.

Mr. Browne moved that-

Senate Bill No. 292:

To be entitled an act to provide for the registration of voters in the several counties of the State, and to provide for and regulate the holding of elections in the State of Florida,

Be made the special order immediately after the revenue bill had been disposed of;

· Which was agreed, to and so ordered.

Mr. Calhoun moved that the rules be waived and that the Senate take up House Bill No. 168 out of its regular order, on its second reading;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and so ordered, and

House Bill No. 168:

A bill to be entitled an act to define what cities shall impound cattle, and to prohibit the driving of them in the corporate limits,

Was read the second time in full, together with the amendment offered by the Committee on Judiciary;

Which was as follows:

In section 1, line 3, strike out the words "two thousand," and insert the words "twelve hundred," in lieu thereof.

Mr. McKay moved that the amendment of the committee be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment to the bill was reclared adopted.

Mr. McKay moved that the rules be further waived and that the bil be read the third time;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote and the bill was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon its passage the vote was:

Yeas - Messrs. Baya, Blitch, Borden, Browne, Calhoun, Genovar, Johnson, Marks, McKay, McKinney, McLeran, Morrow, Rosborough, Smith, Summers, Thomas, Wadsworth, and Wolfe—18

Nays-Messrs. Broome and McKinne-2.

So the bill passed, title as stated, and was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

The Senate thereupon, on motion of Mr. Genovar, adjourned until 8 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. McKinne in the chair.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Baya. Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Broome, Calhoun, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Grady, Johnson, Marks, McKay, McKinne, McKinney, McLeran, Morrow, Reeves, Rosborough, Smith, Summers, Thomas, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williamson and Wolfe—27.

A quorum present.

Mr. Reynolds moved that the rules be waived and that the Senate take up House Bill No. 189 out of its regularorder, on its second reading;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and so ordered, and

House Bill No. 189;

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit shooting, seining or trapping of fish in the waters of certain lakes in Polk county, Florida, and to provide a penalty in cases of violation,

Was read the second time in full.

Mr. Reynolds moved that the rules be further waived and that the bill be read the third time;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote and the bill was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baya, Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Broome, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Johnson, Marks, McKay, McKinne, McKinney, McLeran, Morrow, Reeves, Rosborough, Smith, Summers, Thomas, Wadsworth, Whidden and Wolfe—23.

Nays-None.

So the bill passed, title as stated, and was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Reynolds moved that the rules be waived, and that the Senate take up House Bill No. 310 out of its regular order on its second reading;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and so ordered, and

House Bill No. 310:

To be entitled an act to establish a county court in and for Polk county; to prescribe its jurisdiction and powers; to provide for the appointment of a prosecuting attorney, and for compensation of judge and county attorney,

Was read the second time in full, together with a e amendement offered by the Committee on Judiciary;

Which was as follows:

Amend section 5 by adding after the words "dollars per annum," the words "to be paid quarterly by the treasurer of the county upon a warrant from the board of county commissioners, and a fee of three dollars for each case docketed in said court, to be taxed and paid as other costs in said court."

Mr. Reynolds moved that the amendment of the committee be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment to the bill was declared adopted.

Mr. Reynolds moved that the rules be further waived, and that the bill be read the third time;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and the bill was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baya, Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Broome, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Grady, Johnson, Marks, McKay, McKinne, McKinney, McLeran, Morrow, Reeves, Rosborough, Smith, Summers, Thomas, Wadsworth, Whidden and Wolfe—24.

Nays-None.

So the bill passed, title as stated, and was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Genovar moved that the Senate proceed to the

Consideration of Bills on Third Reading,

Which was agreed to, and so ordered.

Whereupon the roll was called and

Mr. Baya called up:

Senate Bill No. 254:

A bill to be entitled an act to designate in part what shalk constitute the food of prisoners in county and city jails, and to provide for its enforcement;

Which was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baya, Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Broome, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Grady, Johnson, Marks, McKay, McKinne, McKinney, McLeran, Morrow, Reeves, Rosborough, Smith, Summers, Thomas, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williamson and Wolfe—25.

Nays-None.

So the bill passed, title as stated, and was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Farmer called up:

Senate Bill No. 187:

A bill to be entitled an act to protect the diamond back terrapin of Florida;

Which was read the third time in full together with the Senate amendment thereto and put upon its passage.

Upon its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baya, Borden, Bristol, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Johnson, Marks, McKay, McKinney, McKinne, McLeran, Morrow, Reves, Rosborough, Smith, Summers, Thomas, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williamson and Wolfe.—22.

Nays—Mr. Grady—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated, and was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Geno-ar called up:

Senate Bill No. 117:

A bill to be entitled an act to confirm, enlarge and exten $\tilde{\alpha}'$ the power, rights and franchise of the St. Augustine Bridge Company;

Which was read the third time and put upon its passage. Upon its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baya, Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Grady, Johnson, Marks, McKay, McKinne, McKinney, McLeran, Morrow, Reeves, Rosborough, Smith, Thomas, Wadsworth and Whidden—21.

Nays—Mr. Summers—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated, and was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Grady called up:

House Bill No. 211:

A bill to be entitled an act to better protect the oyster beds of this state;

Which was read the third time, together with the Senate amendment thereto, and put upon its passage.

Upon its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Saya, Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Calhoun, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Grady, Johnson, Marks, McKinney, Morrow, Reeves, Rosborough, Smith. Thomas, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williamson and Wolfe—21.

Nays-Mr. McKinne-1.

So the bill passed, title as stated, and was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Johnson called up-

Senate Bill No. 256:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to change of venue in civil cases;

Which was read the third time and put upon its passage. Upon its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baya, Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Calhoun, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Grady, Johnson, Marks, McKay, McKinne, McKinney, Morrow, Reeves, Smith, Summers, Thomas, Wadsworth, Whidden and Williamson—22.

Nays-None.

So the bill pessed, title as stated, and was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. McKinne moved that the rules be further waived, and that Senate Bill No. 256 be immediately certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Baya moved to amend by including all bills passed this evening up to the present time;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and so ordered.

Mr. Marks called up:

Senate Bill No. 160:

A bill to be entitled an act relative to pay of costs prior to appeal in stock killing cases when the railroad is not fenced;

Which was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baya, Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Calhoun, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Grady, Johnson, Marks, McKay, McKinne, McKinney, McLeran, Morrow, Reeves, Rosborough, Smith, Summers, Thomas, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williamson and Wolfe—25.

Navs-None.

So the bill passed, title as stated, and was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Calhoun called up:

Senate Bill No. 187:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Mercantile Phosphate Company, and to define its business and powers; Which was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baya, Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Johnson, Marks, McKay, McKinne, McKinney, McLeran, Morrow, Reeves, Rosborougi, Smith, Summers, Thomas, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williamson and Wolfe—23.

Nays-None.

So the bill passed, title as stated, and was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. McKay called up:

Senate Bill No. 154:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to amend section 2 of an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to abolish the corporations of the towns of Tampa and North Tampa, to provide a municipal government for the city of Tampa and to define the boundaries thereof;

Which was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baya, Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Johnson, Marks, McKay, McKinne, McKinney, McLeran, Morrow, Reeves, Rosborough, Smith, Summers, Thomas, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williamson and Wolfe—23.

Nays-None.

So the bill passed, title as stated, and was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. McKinne called up:

House Bill No. 146:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 8 of an act to incorporate the Chipola and Chippewa Lake Railroad Company, approved June 5, 1891;

Which was read the third time and put upon its passage. Upon its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baya, Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Calhoun, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Johnson, Marks, McKay, McKinne, McKinney, McLeran, Morrow, Reeves, Rosborough, Smith, Summers, Thomas, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williamson and Wolfe.—24.

Nays-None.

So the bill passed, title as stated, and was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. McKinney called up:

Senate Bill No. 236:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the appointment of a board of telegraph examiners, and for the regulation of railway telegraphers in this State;

Which was read the third time.

Mr. Wolfe asked unanimous consent to amend the bill by inserting the word "sixteen" for "twenty-one" where it occurs;

Which was not granted.

Mr. Wolfe moved that the rules be waived and that the bill be placed back on its second reading for the purpose of amendment;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and so ordered. Whereupon the bill was placed back on its second reading. Mr. Wolfe offered the following amendment:

In section 4, line 8, strike out "twenty-one" and insert "sixteen" in lieu thereof.

Mr. Wolfe moved that the amendment be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the am-indment was declared adopted.

Mr. Wolfe moved that 100 copies of the bill be printed; Which was agreed to, and so ordered.

Mr. McLeran called up:

House Bill No. 233:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South;

Which was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baya, Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Calhoun, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Grady, Johnson, Marks, McKay, McKinne, McKinney, McLeran, Morrow, Reeves, Smith, Summers, Thomas, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williamson and Wolfe—24.

Nays-None.

So the bill passed, title as stated, and was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Morrow called up:

Senate Bill No. 241:

A bill to be entitled an act to appropriate money to carry out a joint resolution setting apart lands for the Indians in South Florida;

Which was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baya, Borden, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Grady, Johnson, Marks, McKay, McKinney, McLeran, Morrow, Rosborough, Summers, Whidden, Williamson and Wolfe—17.

Nays-Messrs. Blitch, Calhoun, McKinne, Reeves and Smith-5.

So the bill passed, title as stated, and was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Reeves called up:

Senate Bill No. 230:

A bill to be entitled an act providing a penalty for the larceny of logs or timber of less than one hundred dollars in value;

Which was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baya, Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Calhoun, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Grady, Johnson, Marks, McKay, McKinne, McKinney, McLeran, Morrow, Reeves, Rosborough, Smith, Thomas, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williamson and Wolfe—24.

Nays-None.

So the bill passed, title as stated, and was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Rosborough called up:

Senate Bill No. 226:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of C. A. Butler, guardian for Martha Willis, a deceased lunatic;

Which was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs Baya, Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Calhoun, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Johnson, Marks, McKay, McKinney, McLeran, Morrow, Reeves, Rosborough, Smith, Summers, Thomas, Wadsworth, Whidden and Williamson—22.

Nays-Messrs. Grady, McKinne and Wolfe-3.

So the bill passed, title as stated, and was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Smith called up:

House Bill No. 90:

A bill to be entitled an act prescribing the period of time for which a defendant shall be imprisoned for failing or refusing to give bond or comply with the judgment of the court in bastardy cases;

Which was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baya, Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Calhoun, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Grady, Johnson, Marks, McKay, McKinne, McKinney, McLeran, Morrow, Reeves, Rosborough, Smith, Summers, Thomas, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williamson and Wolfe—25.

Nays-None.

So the bill passed, title as stated, and was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Summers called up:

House Bill No. 131:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the service of non-resident defendants and others in chancery causes, being an act to amend section 1413 of the Revised Statutes:

Which was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon its passage the vote was:

Yeas-Messrs. Baya, Blitch, Borden, Calhoun, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Grady, Johnson, Marks, McKay, McKinne,

McKinney, McLeran, Morrow, Reeves, Rosborough, Smith, Thomas, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williamson and Wolfe-23.

Nays-None.

So the bill passed, title as stated, and was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Thomas called up:

Senate Bill No. 237:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent discrimination in the carrying of passengers and freight by railroad, steamboat and other transportation companies;

Which was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baya, Borden, Bristol, Calhoun, Fleming, Genovar, Grady, Marks, McKinne, McKinney, McLeran, Morrow, Reeves, Rosborough, Smith, Summers, Th. mas, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williamson and Wolfe—21.

Nays-Messrs. Farmer and Johnson-2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. McKinne moved that the rules be further waived, and that the bill be immediately certified to the House of Representatives;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and so ordered. Mr. Wadsworth called up:

House Bill No. 2:

A bill to be entitled an act to define the duties of all common carriers in this State engaged in transportation;

Which was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baya, Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Calhoun, Fleming, Genovar, Grady, Johnson, Marks, McKay, McKinne, McKinney, McLeran, Morrow, Reeves, Rosborough, Smith, Summers, Thomas, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williamson and Wolfe—24.

Nays-Mr. Farmer-1.

So the bill passed, title as stated, and was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Whidden called up:

Senate Bill No. 130:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend chapter 4048, Laws of Florida, relating to beef cattle;

Which was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Calhoun, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Johnson, Marks, McKay, McKinne, McLeran, Morrow, Reeves, Rosborough, Smith, Thomas, Wadsworth, Whidden and Williamson—20.

Nays-None.

So the bill passed, title as stated, and was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Williamson called up:

House Bill No. 65:

A bill to be entitled an act to continue the rights, privilegrs and grants of the Homosassa and Withlacoochee Railroad company;

Which was read the third time, together with the Senate amendment thereto.

Mr. Williamson asked unanimous consent to amend the the bill as follows:

In section 1, line 12, after the word Florida, strike out "W. B. Ayer, Boston, Mass.," and insert "William Bailey, Tallahassee, Fla., Alexander B. Hawkins, Tallahassee, Fla., Wm. Denham, Tallahassee, Fla., Wm. J. Hawkins, Raleigh, N. C.;"

Which was granted.

The bill was then put upon its passage.

Upon its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Calhoun, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Grady, Johnson, Marks, McKay, "IcKinne McKinney, McLeran, Morrow, Rosborough, Smith, Summers, Thomas, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williamson and Wolfe—23,

Nays—Mr. Reeves—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated, and was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Wolfe called up:

House Bill No. 284:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 2421, 2423 and 2425, and to repeal section 2422 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the carrying of concealed weapons;

Which was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon its passage the vote was:

Yeas - Messrs. Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Calhoun, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Johnson, Marks, McKay, Mc-

Kinney, Reeves, Rosborough, Thomas, Whidden, Williamson and Wolfe-17.

Nays—Messrs. Grady, McKinne, McLeran, Morrow, Smith, Summers and Wadsworth—7.

So the bill passed, title as stated, and was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Pending further consideration of bills on third reading Mr. Calhoun moved that the rules be waived and that the Senate recur to the consideration of bills on second reading;

Which was agreed to by a two thirds vote, and so ordered.

Whereupon,

Mr. Calhoun moved that the rules be waived and that the Senate take up Senate Bill No. 157 out of its regular order;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and so ordered, and

Senate Bill No. 157:

A bill to be entitled an act to punish contractors and sub-contractors who shall fail or refuse to pay laborers, employes and material men when the principal pays the said contractor,

Was read the second time in full and ordered engrossed for its third reading.

Mr. McLeran moved that the rules be waived, and that the Senate take up Senate Bill No. 269 out of its regular order;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote and so ordered,

Senate Bill No. 269:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to liens of material men:

Was read the second time in full, and ordered engrossed for its third reading.

The Senate thereupon, on motion of Mr. Summers, adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M., Thursday, May 25, 1893.

Confirmations.

Rufus M. Yent, to be county commissioner for district No. 1, Franklin county, Florida.

John H. Hoffman, to be county commissioner for district No. 2, Franklin county, Florida.

John J. Gannon, to be county commissioner for district No. 3, Franklin county, Florida.

C. H. Smith, to be county commissioner for district No. 4, Franklin county, Florida.

Jas. S. Fannin, to be county commissioner for district No. 5, Franklin county, Florida.

John Harden, to be county commissioner for district No. 1, Bradford county, Florida.

John Croft, to be county commissioner for district No. 2, Bradford county, Florida.

E. A. Todd, to be county commissioner for district No. 3, Bradford county, Florida.

Thomas A. Knight, to be county commissioner for district No. 4, Bradford county, Florida.

J. M. Murrhee, to be county commissioner for district No. 5, Bradford county, Florida.

J. A. McKeithen, to be county commissioner for district No. 1, Washington county, Florida, for two years.

Saunders M. Davis, to be county commissioner for district No. 2, Washington county, Florida, for two years.

W. H. Greene, to be county commissioner for district No. 1, Hamilton county.

J. W. West, Jr., to be county, commissioner for district No.

2, Hamilton county.

Thos. J. Zipperer, to be county commissioner for district

No. 3, Hamilton county.

Charles F. Cone, to be county commissioner for district

Charles F. Cone, to be county commissioner for district No. 4, Hamilton county.

Amos Cheshire, to be county commissioner for district. No. 5, Hamilton county.